

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS FOR SIX MONTHS JAN.-JUNE, 1938.

Births - increase 177; Deaths - increase 31; Marriages - increase 222.

POPULATION OF STATE. 31st December 1937, Total 591,201; Males 295,611; Females 295,590. Metropolitan Area 31st December 1937, Total 318,190 or 54.0% of the Total State.

NATURAL INCREASE. The excess of births over deaths for the six months was 2,075 (1,929), an increase of 146.

BIRTHS. For the six months 4,633 (4,456) were registered being 177 more than for the same period in 1937. EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS 122 (166). CASES OF MULTIPLE BIRTHS. Twins 41 (51), Triplets 1 (1).

ADOPTIONS AND LEGITIMATIONS - Under the Adoption Acts 49 (51) children were registered as adopted and 6 (12) children were legitimated under the Legitimation Acts after the marriage of their parents.

MARRIAGES. The marriages celebrated during the six months numbered 2,843 (2,621) an increase of 222. Civil Marriages numbered 268 (208), increase 60.

DEATHS. The deaths registered for the six months numbered 2,558 (2,527) being an increase of 31.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATHS. (Table 6). Cancer 380 (376), Diseases of Heart 478 (449), Cerebral haemorrhage and softening 243 (242), Accidents 156 (167), Senility 135 (130), Pulmonary Tuberculosis 92 (109), Congenital Debility, Malformations, &c. 101 (119), Nephritis, Acute & Chronic 125 (118), Diarrhoea & Enteritis 29 (30), Pneumonia 129 (111), Diabetes mellitus 67 (48), Puerperal Causes 27 (20), Whooping Cough 1 (5), Appendicitis 20 (28). Suicides 36 (28), Bronchitis 24 (24).

DEATHS FROM ACCIDENTS, &C. For the six months 156 (167) deaths were attributed to Accidents, &c. decrease 11. Drowning 12 (26), Automobiles 43 (57), Railways 14 (7), Other transport 12 (9), Injury from Falls 43 (27), Firearms 5 (4), Burns 8 (11).

INFANTILE DEATHS. NO. & CAUSES. 145 (149) deaths were recorded for the six months being 4 less than for the same period in 1937. The principal causes were - Whooping Cough 1 (4), Broncho-pneumonia and Pneumonia 12 (9), Diarrhoea & Enteritis 15 (7), Malformations 14 (19), Congenital debility &c. 7 (12), Premature Birth 53 (56), Injury at birth 11 (14), Other diseases of early infancy 9 (11); and all other causes 23 (17), total 145 (149).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED. (Table 5). Numbers of cases notified during the six months are as follows :- Diphtheria 448 (451), Dysentery 4 (17), Influenza 8 (72), Poliomyelitis 259 (-), Pulmonary Tuberculosis 146 (166), Scarlet Fever 185 (95) and Whooping Cough 177 (274).

Detailed Tables are attached, Nos. 1 to 7.

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